



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
**Atlanta, GA 30334**

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**Cover Sheet**

**Date:** 6/22/2022 **VisitType:** Monitoring Visit

**Arrival:** 10:30 AM

**Departure:** 3:25 PM

**CCLC-46220**

**The Goddard School**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

<b>Compliance Zone Designation</b>		
06/22/2022	Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit	Good Standing
03/16/2022	Licensing Study	Good Standing
07/19/2021	Monitoring Visit	Good Standing

**Compliance Zone Designation** - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient.

**Good Standing** - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

**Support** - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.

**Deficient** - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.

**Ratios/License Capacity**

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A 6w-12m	Infants	3	11	C	12	C	NA	NA	Nap, Floor Play
Main	B 12-18m	One Year Olds	2	11	C	11	C	NA	NA	Floor Play, Diapering
Main	C 18-24m	One Year Olds	1	8	C	10	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	D 24-30m Turtles	Two Year Olds	2	13	C	17	C	NA	NA	Transitioning
Main	E 30-36m Ducklings	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	17	C	17	C	NA	NA	Lunch
Main	F Young 3's	Four Year Olds	2	20	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	G 3 and 4 years	Three Year Olds and Four Year Olds	1	15	C	21	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Main	H 3-5 years	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	1	18	C	21	C	NA	NA	Lunch, Transitioning
Main	I - 5 years	Four Year Olds	1	19	C	20	C	NA	NA	Transitioning, Lunch
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 150						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				
Total # Children this Date: 132						Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0				

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A Back	103	C

Main	Playground B- Right Side	35	C
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**Comments**

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 06/22/2022

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.state.ga.us/CCS/Regulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee



**Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:**

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

**Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us](mailto:qualityrated@dec.state.ga.us) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

**Refutation Process:**

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com) with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)

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Kayla Setser, Program Official

Date

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**Findings Report**

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The following information is associated with a Monitoring Visit:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)** **N/A**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)** **Not Met**

**Finding**

591-1-1-.25(3) requires the Center and surrounding premises to be kept clean, free of debris and in good repair. Hygienic measures such as, but not limited to, screened windows and proper waste disposal procedures shall be utilized to minimize the presence of rodents, flies, roaches and other vermin at the Center. It was determined based on observation throughout the classrooms, chipping paint on the walls and window seals were observed. Ceiling tiles were observed to be missing in the area outside of room H.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will have the Center and surrounding areas cleaned, make repairs where needed, and remove all debris is removed. The Center will implement a plan to keep areas clean and in good repair that includes regular monitoring.

**Correction Deadline: 7/6/2022**

**Recited on 6/22/2022**

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Met****Comment**

Playground observed to be clean and in good repair.  
Please ensure potting soil is stored inaccessible unless under supervised use.

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**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 3/16/2022****Corrected on 6/22/2022**  
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**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to remind children to wash hands.

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**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

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**Safety**

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**591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)****Met****Comment**

Staff were observed to maintain a positive learning environment on this date.

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**591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center does not provide routine transportation. Complete field trip documentation observed.

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**Sleeping & Resting Equipment**

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**591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

**Comment**

Pleasant naptime environment observed.

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**Staff Records**

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**Records Reviewed: 19****Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

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Staff # 1

Met

Date of Hire: 11/25/2020

Staff # 2

Met

Staff # 3

Met

Staff # 4

Met

**Records Reviewed: 19**

**Records with Missing/Incomplete Components: 0**

Staff # 5 Date of Hire: 03/21/2022	Met
Staff # 6 Date of Hire: 02/02/2021	Met
Staff # 7 Date of Hire: 03/21/2022	Met
Staff # 8	Met
Staff # 9	Met
Staff # 10 Date of Hire: 03/22/2021	Met
Staff # 11	Met
Staff # 12	Met
Staff # 13	Met
Staff # 14 Date of Hire: 04/04/2022	Met
Staff # 15 Date of Hire: 12/16/2020	Met
Staff # 16	Met
Staff # 17	Met
Staff # 18	Met
Staff # 19 Date of Hire: 03/21/2022	Met

**Staff Credentials Reviewed: 4**

**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

**591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)** **Met**

**Comment**

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

**Staffing and Supervision**

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**591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)****Met****Comment**

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

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**591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.32 - Please ensure staff remain within arms reach of all children under the age of four during mealtimes.